

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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NORMS FOR CALCULATING PRICES OF MEDICINES

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the norms fixed by the Government for calculating prices of medicines both in the controlled and de-controlled category under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95);
- (b) the details of products alongwith their turnover where these norms have not been furnished; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of the medicines available in the country are in tune with the declared norms of the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): Prices of controlled formulations only are fixed on the basis of norms notified in Official Gazette in accordance with the provisions contained in Para 7 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO '95), whereas prices of formulations not under price control are fixed by manufacturers themselves as there is no provision of fixation of their prices under DPCO 1995 except under certain circumstances of public interest as laid down in para 10 (b) of DPCO 1995. In view of above provisions, the retail prices of controlled medicines are in accordance with the notified norms.